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## Editorial

This issue of *The Behavior Analyst* brings with it some changes in content and format that speak well for the growth of the journal and for behavior analysis as a whole. However, it also brings some changes that are less happy. Let me begin with the latter.

One of my pleasures in editing the journal has been becoming acquainted with and occasionally befriending the authors of submitted manuscripts. Another pleasure has been working with the journal advisory and editorial board members, who are the heart and soul of the journal. Perhaps my greatest pleasure in the past two years, though, was working with and coming to know Aaron Brownstein, who served as the journal's editor-elect from January 1, 1985 until his unexpected passing last spring. Aaron infused the editorial process with enthusiasm and deep concern for behavior analysis. He very much looked forward to taking over as the editor, a position from which he could guide the journal and the field in increasingly important and challenging directions. The opportunity he lost is an opportunity we all lost. I could go on about Aaron, but will defer. His colleagues speak more clearly for him and more eloquently about him elsewhere in this issue of the journal (see Hayes & Brownstein, 1986; Shull, 1986).

If we have lost an outstanding editor-elect, we have also gained one. It is my pleasure to announce that Sigrid S. Glenn (North Texas State University) was nominated last May to serve as the journal's next editor by the Journal Advisory Board and was approved by the Board of Directors of the Society for the Advancement of Behavior Analysis. Sigrid will serve as the editor-elect until the end of 1987, at which time she will take over as the editor for Volumes 11 and 12 during 1988 and 1989. I look forward to work-

ing with Sigrid, and to the scholarship and zest she will bring to the journal.

Aaron Brownstein's death raises an issue I had hoped to avoid during my editorship—the nature of the written memorials we publish to honor well-known and deserving behavior analysts who have passed away. These are sensitive matters, and also touchy ones because, to put it inelegantly, implicit comparisons may arise from memorials that are distinctive and highly individualized in journal format, placement, and sequence. In order to keep already somber occasions from being the source of further unhappiness, I will take a rather formal approach to the memorials published during the remainder of my editorship. To be straightforward about the matter: Beginning with the current issue, and when necessary in the future, the journal will publish invited "In Memoriam" articles in a special section at the end of each issue; these articles will be restricted to two journal pages and sequenced alphabetically. In the present issue, those we fondly remember are Aaron J. Brownstein (Shull, 1986), Eric C. Haughton (Lindsley, 1986), Kenneth MacCorquodale (Schnaitter, 1986), and Donald L. Whaley (Glenn, 1986). The authors of these four pieces have my gratitude for preparing difficult material so well and so sensitively.

Time now to turn to more pleasant matters. First, this issue of the journal contains a special section announcing the ABA Award for Outstanding Legislative Action. Henry S. Pennypacker (1986) describes the award's origins and introduces its presenter, Mark Kane Goldstein. In turn, Goldstein (1986) describes the award's function and the important work of its first recipient—Wisconsin State Representative Marlin Schneider.

Second, a Book Notes section of the journal also makes its debut in this issue. During the past several years, numerous books have been published that are worthy of reader attention, but perhaps not of sufficient or wide enough interest for the regular book review process. The

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Book Notes section will allow us to publish brief reviews that describe these books and evaluate their contents. For the most part, these reviews will be invited and restricted to two journal pages. The first two Book Notes to be published are on Doris Durrell's (1984) *The Critical Years: A Guide for Dedicated Parents* (Ledoux, 1986) and Karen Pryor's (1984) *Don't Shoot the Dog* (McIntire, 1986). Implicit in these books is the assumption that the public needs to be better educated about behavior analysis and about the usefulness of applied behavioral methodologies and procedures. Such education and assistance are crucial for the dissemination of our science and for demonstrating its utility. Durrell's and Pryor's books are accurate and enjoyable-to-read primers for parents and others who wish to prevent and solve socially important problems of personal interest.

Finally, I would like to comment on authorship, scholarship, and the manuscripts published in *The Behavior Analyst*. During the past two years, I have been fortunate to receive and publish an important and interesting set of manuscripts, many of them written by well-known behavior analysts, and many of them not. The proportion of well-known authors is actually quite high, and I am delighted to have that support—the contributions help tremendously in maintaining the scholarship, vitality, and credibility of the journal. I would like, though, to encourage students and other young or newly established professionals not to be dissuaded from submitting appropriate and properly prepared manuscripts simply because the competition may appear too formidable. As many of the well-known authors can attest, and perhaps disgruntledly so at times, no manuscript arrives at the editorial office in the final form in which it is published; all manuscripts undergo revision and development to the very end. In sum, manuscripts that are appropriate to the journal and that uphold its high quality are welcome from any professional at any level within the field.

Moreover, *The Behavior Analyst* is a journal for all behavior analysts. Contri-

butions from a broad cross-section of the field are necessary in order not only to maintain the scholarship, vitality, and credibility spoken of earlier, but also to encourage the diversity and originality that are so important to the growth not just of the journal, but of the field as a whole. The efficient selection and differential strengthening of effective theoretical, conceptual, and empirical analysis require the availability of sufficient and appropriate material, among which, I might suggest, are integrative and evaluative reviews of the applied and basic research literatures—manuscripts that are currently under-represented in the journal.

That completes my editorial comments, both happy and sad. If readers have any comments or queries about the journal's policies and procedures, or about my conduct of them, or about any other editorial matters, please feel free to contact me.

Edward K. Morris  
Editor

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